

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project

Meeting Minutes

Organization: Hawaii Developer's Council & Land Use Research Foundation

Date: January 12, 2006

Time/Place: 7:30 a.m., First Hawaiian Bank Banker's Club

Presenters: Vicki Gaynor, Toru Hamayasu, Mark Scheibe

Topic: Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project

Notes: PowerPoint Presentation #1

Approximate number of attendees: 45-50

The Audience

See attached sign-in sheets. Note that not everyone added their name. Group was primarily representatives of landowners, developers and other members of the industry who support them, i.e. commercial real estate brokers, title companies, construction management firms, real estate consultants.

General Comments

Excerpt from Barbie Rosario's --- staff person at the Developer's Council --- email: "I'm happy that we were able to draw a "large" crowd for the event - typically, our boardroom presentations average about 40 people - we had about 70 RSVP for your presentation."

Joett Colgan, an active Chamber of Commerce member who was present, recommended that we do the same presentation for the Chamber membership. She feels that past presentations were focused solely on gaining support for rail and provided little information about the project in general for how it would proceed.

Debbie Luning from Gentry Homes was also present. She is the current Chair of the West Oahu Development Association. We will be making a presentation to their Board on January 24 and she feels the powerpoint used today would also be a good presentation for them.

Questions:

- *Is there a website for the project and will all of the information presented today be posted there?*
- *How are all stops being incorporated – how do people get from their homes to the transit stops?*

- *What were the overall comments from Scoping?*
- *In planning routes and selecting alternatives, what consideration is given to existing land use plans?*
- *Alternatives 1 – 3 seem like a “quick-fit”, now-casting rather than long-term forecasting*
- *How do you quantify/place a value on specific scenarios?*
- *What is the timeline for project construction?*
- *Will the positive and negative findings be posted on the web site?*
- *How will the waterways/ferry be incorporated in this study?*
- *In the past 25 years this issue has been studied to death and opponents appear to be very vocal and well educated. What have you learned to make the process more successful this time?*
- *Will there be joint development opportunities to lessen the dependency on public funding?*
- *Does federal transportation funding for transit put funding for highway resurfacing and other transportation projects in jeopardy?*
- *Is the public being surveyed for ridership? Planning decisions seem to be made without considering ridership numbers. I haven't seen any ridership studies and this is a critical factor. Also need to address Oahu's two distinct traffic patterns – during and outside of the school year*